

# UNIT 6: MAURELLE ISLAND WILDERNESS

## MANAGEMENT INTENT

State lands will be managed for fish and wildlife habitat and harvest, and recreation and wilderness values. Management will be consistent with management practices intended by the federal wilderness designation for the uplands. Access to all valid mining claims and support facilities across state tidelands will be protected. Beach log salvage will be permitted.

## PRIMARY AND SECONDARY USES

Refer to the land use designation map for primary and secondary uses and fish and wildlife ratings.

## PROHIBITED USES

- Floathouses
- Mineral location in mapped crucial fish and wildlife habitat and harvest areas.
- Filling state tidelands and submerged lands for residential purposes.

## MANAGEMENT GUIDELINES

Refer to Chapter 2 for guidelines common to this and all management units. The following guidelines apply to this specific unit.

- **Developed Recreation Facilities in Crucial Habitat and Harvest Areas.** Based on available information, developed recreation facilities are initially determined incompatible within mapped crucial fish and wildlife areas. A specific proposal for a developed recreation facility may be considered for compatibility based on its design or on new habitat information.
- **Anchorage.** Use of anchorages depicted on the land use designation map will not be precluded.
- **Resource Development Support Facilities.** Resource development support facilities are not allowed unless determined compatible through review procedures.

## NOTES

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- Three heritage sites are within the unit:
  - AHRS CRG-137 Sonora Passage Village
  - AHRS CRG-109 Hole-in-the-Wall Village
  - AHRS CRG-134 San Lorenzo Village

### **FISH AND WILDLIFE INFORMATION**

Commercial fishermen, primarily trollers, use the entire unit intensively. Hole-in-the-Wall is an important anchorage for the commercial fishing fleet. A fish-buying tender anchors there during the season. Adjacent areas are high-quality seasonal feeding and rearing grounds for large concentrations of salmon.

The unit could provide unique wildlife viewing opportunities in the future as the area's tourism industry develops. The unit provides habitat for sea otters. Seabird breeding colonies, a sea lion haulout area, a high-density harbor seal use area, and a subsistence area used for abalone harvest are all within the unit. Timbered Island has breeding colonies of over 12,000 birds, primarily Storm Petrels.